(c) The following measures have taken to check Hepatitis-B infection:—

(i) It is mandatory to screen all Blood Donations for Hepatitis-B Virus, before transfusion.

(ii) Efforts are being made, to promote safe sex behaviours under the National AIDS Control Programme.

(iii) Provision of separate syringe and separate needle for each vaccination under the Universal Immunisation Programme.

(iv) It has been decided to immunise Hospital workers of Central Govt. Hospital against Hepatitis-B.

(v) Guidelines have been issued for the use of a separate sterile syringe, and needle for each injection and aseptic surgical intervention.

(vi) Health Education.

Special School Health Check-up Scheme in Gujarat

2679. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether under instructions of Government recently a Special School Health Check up Scheme was launched in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how many school children were found to have various diseases in such check-ups in the States, district-wise; and

(d) the preventive action taken with regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) and (b) A Special School Health Check-up Scheme for students of Primary School was implemented by Government of India during 1996-97 in all States/UTs of the country including Gujarat. The Scheme aimed at screening the Primary School students for common ailments which included, anaemia, worm infestations, night blindness, iodine deficiency desease (goitre), ear discharge scabies, pyoderma, vision defects and dental problems. During 1997, Government of Gujarat implemented a similar scheme in the State during 8—13 September, 1997.

(c) and (d) During 1997, 64,47,840 children studying in 33,241 schools were examined. 15,88,499 children were found to have various diseases. District-wise details are given in the enclosed statement. (*See* below) 8,37,353 children found to have any problem were treated on the spot while 7,25,445 children were given referral services in appropriate health institutions like Community Health Centres and Hospitals. Follow up and referral services are being provided by the State Govt. through out the year.

Statement

District-wise details of Number of Children having various ailments

Sl. No.	District	No. of children having ailments
1.	Ahmedabad	293123
2.	Amerli	37680
3.	Banaskantha	68300
4.	Bhavnagar	102600
5.	Bharuch	58370
6.	Dang	2975
7.	Gandhinagar	15054
8.	Junagadh	67387
9.	Jamnagar	68193
10.	Kheda	144453
11.	Kachchh	54348
12.	Mahesana	100552
13.	Panchmahals	55384
14.	Rajkot	124354
15.	Sabarkantha	70855
16.	Surendranagar	53125
17.	Surat	85619
18.	Vadodara	120836
19.	Valsad	65291
	TOTAL:	1588499